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**SIDE GLANCES** By Galbraith



"I'm glad to do my duty as a juror, but I hope the judge won't mind if I tune in quietly on a good radio program if the testimony gets dull!"

**Wash Tubbs** By Leslie Turner



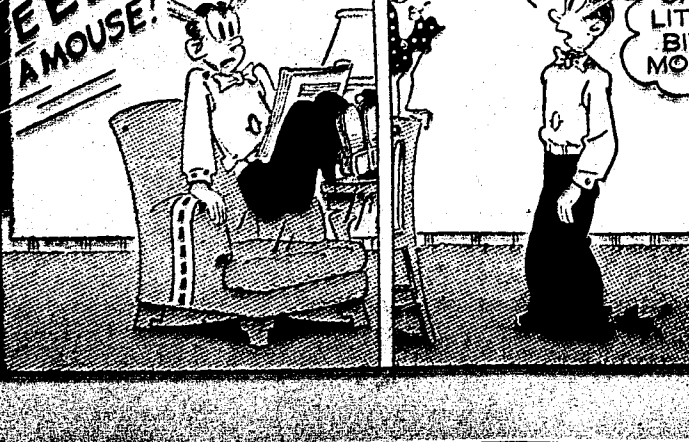
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**Boots and Her Buddies** By Edgar Martin



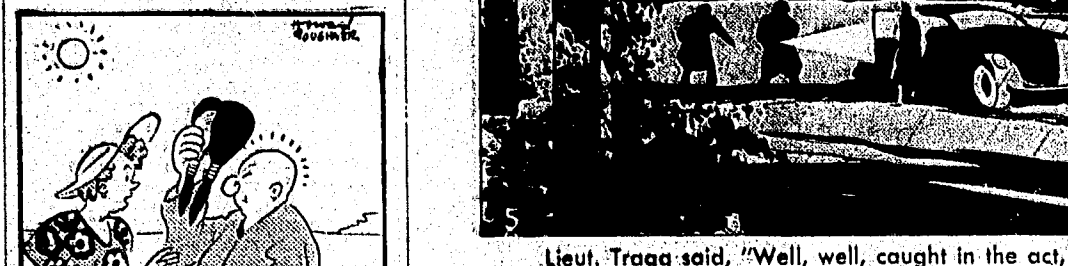
**Blondie** By Chic Young



## The Black-eyed Blonde

Based on the new Perry Mason thriller of murder and mystery

Illustrations by STEPHEN GRANT



Lieut. Tragg said, "Well, well, caught in the act eh?"

"The headlights swung around the corner, Mason said, 'Too late. Pretend we're just coming.'"

"The police car averted its sharply. Lieut. Tragg and another officer jumped out. Tragg said, 'Well, well, caught in the act eh?'"

"Were you, Mason asked, 'telling me?'"

"The question started its train of thought in the officer's mind. Mason explained he was there to see a client. Tragg said he had had a phone call. Mason marched ahead of him to the front porch. An officer went around to the rear, his light shining through the rain."

"They were still ringing the bell when the officer came running back. 'This way, Lieutenant. It's back here.'"

"The procession moved around. Tragg's powerful flashlight showed the motionless figure. He barked sharply at Mason and Della. 'You two stay here.'"

"The officers huddled about the body. Mason slipped an arm about Della. 'Take it easy.' They stood waiting. Be-

hind them a peculiar gurgling sound attracted his attention. He turned. 'Puzzled on the client is open,' he said. 'The rain water is running through the tank. I...'

"Tragg called for a camera and ordered Mason and Della back to their car. They sat there out of the rain while flash bulbs went off. Once, in their light, Della saw an object on the sidewalk and was starting for it when Tragg again came around the house. The officer also saw the object, a woman's purse, and picked it up."

"He opened it and studied its contents by flashlight, then came over and got in the car with Mason and Della. (Continued tomorrow)

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## Hold Everything

Every Day in Hope Star

144 Cartoons  
1000 Words Report



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## Railhead in China Lost to the Japs

Chungking, Dec. 7.—(UP)—Japanese troops have thrust to within 10 miles of the American air base at Kweiyang. It was disclosed today as a U. S. army spokesman announced that Japanese troops had captured the railhead at Kweiyang, which had been considered the most important of all American forces in this theater to help contain the Japanese offensive.

A 14th Air Force communiqué, announcing the bombing of Tuyen, revealed that Japanese forces had captured a point 27 miles north of Tuyen, the fall of which was considered a Japanese military victory.

Tuyen marked a 20-mile Japanese advance beyond Fichang and the closest approach to Kweiyang, capital of Kweichow province. The Japanese drive placed the enemy forces above a mountain pass at Tuyen, which had been considered the most defensible position south of Kweiyang.

By SPENCER MOPPA  
Chungking, Dec. 7.—(AP)—A communiqué from American headquarters disclosed today that the Japanese occupied Tuyen, terminus of the Kweichow-Kweiyang railroad 33 miles east-southeast of Kweiyang.

Units of the U. S. 14th air force struck at Tuyen, a strategic point in Kweichow province in a group of attacks on the Japanese line of communication between Kweiyang and Tuyen. The fliers left Tuyen burning.

The Chinese high command admitted the loss of Tuyen, a railroad town 25 miles southeast of Kweiyang, but made no reference to the Japanese advance. The Chinese high command said the Japanese were still in the process of capturing the railhead at Tuyen, which was being recaptured by the Chinese.

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## Capt. Britt Is 1st to Wear 3 Top Awards

New York, Dec. 8.—(AP)—An Arkansas native, Capt. Maurice L. Britt, today held the distinction of being the first man in the nation's history to wear his country's three highest combat awards in a single war.

While a crowd of approximately 10,000 looked on, Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, commander of the 4th Army, presented the Distinguished Service Cross to the uniform of the 1st Infantry Division, 4th Army, at the University of Arkansas.

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